



MAYOR ALAN AUTRY

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To the Citizens of Fresno and the City Council:

I submit for your consideration the proposed City of Fresno budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002.

This budget fulfills the commitment that I made during my campaign to change the history of Fresno from "A Tale of Two Cities" to "A Story of One Community." To accomplish this, we must focus on our greatest asset, our young people. This budget contains an additional \$1 million for youth activities, which will allow us to provide alternatives for our youth. This funding will be one of our crime prevention tools and allow the City to provide activities to keep our young people off the streets and out of trouble. Our investment in our youth is the wisest investment we can make, for it will pay dividends to us all in the future of our great city.

My top priorities in this budget are improving our children's educational opportunities, the revitalization of our downtown, the rebuilding of our older neighborhoods, and maintaining high levels of safety services. This budget is the first phase of seeing that those priorities become reality.

As we move forward into the new fiscal year, I am filled with optimism at the opportunities that lie before us. Working closely with the City Council, our new City Manager, City staff, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and other community leaders, I believe we will make great strides in bringing the community together and achieving our goals.

Sincerely,

Alan Autry
Mayor